IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: SHUSTER et al.

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Title: METHOD, APPARATUS AND SYSTEM FOR HOSTING INFORMATION EXCHANGE GROUPS ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK

AMENDMENT RE-OPENING PROSECUTION AFTER DECISION ON APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir or Madam:

The Decision on Appeal dated February 25, 2008 set forth new grounds of rejection for independent claim 50, and invited the applicants to re-open prosecution by submitting an appropriate amendment of the claim so rejected. Such amendment is made herewith, and reconsideration by the examiner is respectfully requested.